
Humber, Ford & Stoke Prior Group Parish Council

Draft Minutes

of an Extra Ordinary Meeting of the Group Parish Council

Wednesday 7th February 2024 at 9.00pm in Risbury Village Hall

Present: Cllr. James Hinton
Cllr. Tim Yair
Cllr. Anne Grace

Cllr. Hugh Fowler-Wright (Chairman)
Cllr. Janette Fulwood
Cllr. Chris Marston

Clerk & RFO: Allan Drew

13/24 Apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs. Bemand, Thomas, Pugh and Silk

14/24 Declaration of interests and dispensations

None received

15/24 Matters for report arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

The Clerk reported that he had received a quotation from "Drain Doctor" for provision of drain clearing services of £980+VAT per day. After some discussion it was agreed the Clerk would check with the Locality Steward if BB would be progressing drain cleaning.

16/24 Chairman's announcements

None

17/24 Public participation

No public present

18/24 Planning Committee and planning applications update

Council noted the position on the following applications but no comments were required so there was no further discussion

Ford & Stoke Prior

240230 Great House Farm, Stoke Prior, HR6 0LG

Application for prior notification for a proposed building extension (for use as a roofed sprayer washdown area and for general agricultural storage) together with 3 no. water harvesting tanks **Comments not required**

Humber There are no new applications

To note: updates on current planning applications

Ford & Stoke Prior

233624 Railway Meadow Bungalow Stoke Prior Herefordshire HR6 0LG

Proposed garden room extension and change of use of land from agricultural use to residential use to provide additional garden space(part retrospective). **Undecided**

233094 Priory Farm Stoke Prior HR6 0ND. The construction and retention of a rural worker's dwelling, seminar room and a range of eight stables with ancillary tack and hay store. **Undecided**

223610 Land north of Bowley Court farm Change of use from a water storage lagoon to a water and anaerobic digestate storage lagoon (retrospective). **Undecided.**

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212600 - Land adjacent to Risbury Cross Cottage, Risbury HR6 0NG

Approval of reserved matters following outline approval 181648 (residential development of 6 houses).

Undecided - on hold due to phosphates

212473 Dev 1 Land adjacent to Risbury Cross Cottage Risbury HR6 0NG

Proposed permission for the siting of a caravan to provide accommodation on site during the construction of a dwelling on Plot 5 approved under application ref 181648. **Undecided- on hold due to phosphates.**

211802 - Land at Gob's Castle Risbury Leominster Herefordshire

Application for approval of details reserved by conditions 3 7 9 10 11 12 13 15 18 19 & 21 attached to planning permission 173687. **Undecided**

19/24 Setting the precept for 2024-25

The RFO explained the background to the exercise-

- The precept had been agreed at the January meeting.
- The agreement was that the tax paid per (Band D) household would remain as for 2023-24 at £50.20. Due to an increase in the number of households the total precept would rise from £15000 to £15344.
- After the meeting some members were concerned that there might be a need for increased funding given the severity of the drainage issues.
- The Chairman then decided to call this extra ordinary meeting to discuss options for setting the precept.

The RFO explained that his position remained as before in that with a forecast surplus of around £2000 for the current year the financial position was satisfactory and there was no pressing need to change the precept.

Cllr. Marston explained the scoring system used by BB which showed that a small Parish such as HFSP would never qualify for significant action. Hence there could be a case for increasing the precept for increasing drainage maintenance.

Cllr. Grace asked if a refund of Council Tax was possible. The RFO mentioned that the grants received were, in a rather convoluted way, a refund of Council Tax.

Speed Indicator Devices were discussed where some funding would be required in order to satisfy the grant requirements.

Recognising that the precept was planned to rise by 2.3% in any case, Members resolved that the decision taken at the January meeting should stand.

20/24 Resource review proposals for Herefordshire & Worcestershire Fire & Rescue Service (HWFRS)

The Clerk outlined the proposals to reduce the total number of fire engines within the County. The proposals are complex and the ~£1m of savings will be re-invested in training, more employed firemen and more flexible transport. The proposals are accompanied by a large data report which was difficult to link succinctly to the proposals.

The consultation involves completing a survey (which the Clerk had completed) and Council concluded that each Member would complete the survey should they wish.

21/24 Matters for information and future business

None raised

Date of next meeting

To note: the next scheduled meeting will be on Wednesday 20th March 2024 at 7.30pm in Risbury village hall

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed (Chairman..... Date.....